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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF

Administrative Action

ARTHUR B. FRAZIER

CONSENT ORDER

FOR BURGLAR & FIRE ALARM LICENSE IN THE STATE OF **NEW JERSEY**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm and Locksmith Advisory Committee (the "Committee") upon receipt of an application for burglar and fire alarm licensure from Arthur B. Frazier ("respondent"). Subsequent to the receipt of respondent's application, the Committee was provided with a criminal history summary pertaining to respondent's criminal history.

The summary indicated respondent has a nearly thirty year criminal arrest and conviction history, involving a total of forty arrests resulting in a total of twenty convictions. Sixteen of those convictions are related to fraud. Respondent was also convicted for Impersonating a United States Employee, as well as a conviction for Larceny, Possession of Stolen Property and Bigamy. On August 15, 2006, respondent appeared at an investigative inquiry held by the Committee. The Committee also reviewed a packet of information provided by respondent. The packet included a membership certificate in the National Fire Protection Association with a date of issue of August 1995, a letter of reference from Deacon Allen Gray, Chairman of the Second Baptist Church located in Paulsboro, NJ, a letter of reference from the Reverend Jocephus Guinn of the Paulsboro Community Development Center, Inc. and a Termination of Parole Certificate indicating respondent's termination from parole on November 7, 1993.

The Committee gave consideration to all of the documentation submitted and to respondent's testimony at the investigative inquiry. The Committee considered all of the information as it relates to the Rehabilitated Convicted Offenders Act, N.J.S.A. 2A:168A-2. The Committee considered the nature and duties of the license for which respondent is applying, the nature and seriousness of the crime, the circumstances under which the crime occurred, the date of the crime, respondent's age at the time of the crime, whether the crime was an isolated or repeated incident, the social conditions which may have contributed to the crime and evidence of rehabilitation.

Most of respondent's criminal history involved offenses in connection with the operation and nature of his different businesses. Specifically, respondent would issue checks to various suppliers with knowledge that there were insufficient funds in the checking account to cover the costs. It is also noted that respondent was previously licensed as an electrical contractor from 1974 through 1983 when many of the offenses were committed. The Committee is keenly aware that most of respondent's offenses related to his business practices, some of which occurred while respondent was previously licensed as an electrical contractor.

Respondent committed his first known offense when he was twenty years old and his last known offense when he was thirty six years old. Respondent is currently sixty-one years old. While respondent's offense history spans sixteen years, it is noteworthy that respondent has not committed an offense in twenty-five years.

Respondent provided the Committee with evidence of his rehabilitation during the previous twenty-five years. Respondent indicated he has owned his own company (JIL Communications) for the last fifteen years. He testified his company contracted with the United States Air Force in 1989 to install fire alarm systems and the repair of those systems at McGuire Air Force Base. Respondent testified the Air Force was aware of his criminal history. He was required to meet with the provost marshal who reviewed his criminal history and cleared him to perform the work.

The Committee also reviewed respondent's participation and involvement with the Paulsboro Community Development Center (PCDC). Respondent is the executive director of the PCDC, a faith based community development center. The PCDC builds houses for low-income families in the Camden and Gloucester area. The PCDC also runs an apprenticeship training program. The Committee received a letter of reference from Deacon Allen Gray, Chairman of the Second Baptist Church. According to Deacon Gray, respondent is a "man of great integrity and under his leadership, the congregation has accomplished many goals in the Church, with a outreach in the community via PCDC."

The Committee is also in possession of a letter from the Reverend Jocephus Guinn, president of the PCDC. According to Reverend Guinn, respondent "has been a leading force in the development and operation of the PCDC..." Reverend Guinn has experienced respondent's "leadership skills, and devotion to the cause of aiding community needs including, housing, employment and education. Dr. Frazier has proven himself to be a man who will reach out to everyone who is in need and do whatever is necessary to make their situation a little easier to bear. His personal integrity has been a leading force for the young men and women through out the community."

Respondent testified he belongs to many boards and organizations. He sits on the Juvenile Justice Commission for Gloucester County and is president/senior chairman for the Department of

Corrections for the Camden County Jail Facility. He is also on the board for Boys and Girls Club for Gloucester County and is on the Civil Rights Commission for the Boro of Paulsboro. Finally, respondent is an ordained pastor and has been the senior pastor of the Second Baptist Church for sixteen years.

The Committee has considered the testimony of respondent, the letters of recommendation provided, respondent's twenty-five year history without having committed another offense, as well as respondent's commitment to the community, and his thirty-five year experience in the alarm industry. The Committee has determined that respondent may be granted licenses subject to the conditions outlined in this order. Respondent appears to be doing well and has demonstrated evidence of rehabilitation. However, the Committee is keenly aware of respondent's criminal history and therefore any deviation from the terms of this order will result in immediate suspension of both licenses. The Committee finds that such a provision coupled with the restrictions placed on respondent's practice by this order are adequate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public, and that good cause exists for entry of this order.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this

day of

, 2006,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent's application for a Burglar Alarm license and a Fire Alarm license in New Jersey is hereby granted subject to the conditions outlined in this order.
 - 2. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for his criminal arrest and conviction history.
- 3. Respondent shall obey all of the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of fire alarm and burglar alarm installation in this State or any other State.
- 4. Respondent hereby consents to the entry of an Order of automatic suspension of license, without notice, upon the Committee's receipt of any information which the Committee in

its sole discretion deems reliable demonstrating that respondent has been arrested or charged or convicted of any petty disorderly person's offense, disorderly person's offense or crime in the State of New Jersey, the United States or their political subdivisions.

5. Respondent shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension upon two (2) days notice but in such event shall be limited to a showing that, in the case of an arrest or charge or conviction that he was not arrested or charged or convicted of any petty disorderly person's offense, disorderly person's offense or crime in the State of New Jersey, the United States or their political subdivisions.

FIRE ALARM, BURGLAR ALARM AND LOCKSMITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Robert Shoremount

Committee Chairman

I have read and I understand the terms of this order and agree to be bound by it. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Arthur B. Frazier

10-29-06

Date